

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for scanning an image. The method includes determining whether the brightness of light sensed in the image input sensor is within a predetermined brightness range, if it is determined that the brightness of light is not within the predetermined brightness range, then the cover of the image forming apparatus is open and then closed, and image scanning is performed. However, if it is determined that the brightness of light is within the predetermined brightness range, the cover of the image forming apparatus is closed, and the image forming apparatus remains in an initialization state.